

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, May 20-21, marks the kick-off of the IowaAccess effort. Attendance of more than 125 is expected at this event which will:

- Give project team members a better understanding of the outcomes of the Intergovernmental Information Telecommunications and Technology (IITT) Task Force and Work Groups;
- Provide project team members with guidance for implementing each project by July 1998;
- Provide breakout sessions for project members to become acquainted with one another and develop a project plan and work plan; and
- Offer the experiences and expertise of IITT Task Force and Work Group members to the project teams.

Governor Branstad will welcome participants to the Orientation and presentations will be provided by Dr. Ed Stanek, IITT Task Force Chair; Gretchen Tegeler, Iowa Department of Management; Henry Lai, U.S. General Services Administration; Phil Smith, Iowa Office for State-Federal Relations; Jim Youngblood, Linda Plazak, and Dave Arringdale, Iowa Information Technology Services; and Tom Slater and Amy Campbell, State Public Policy Group.

This session promises to be informative and productive for all participants.

#### **Project Membership Development**

With the assistance of Project Team Leads, development of membership for each project is almost complete. Through the Orientation Session, project members will be able to discuss any gaps that need to be filled to effectively and efficiently implement each project.

#### **Meetings with Project Leads**

Linda Plazak of the Information Technology Services, Harold Bowman of the Iowa Communications Network, and designated SPPG staff have completed meetings with each Project Lead. These meetings were used to adequately prepare for the May 20-21 meetings.

#### **Project Leads Meeting**

A meeting for all Project Leads has been scheduled for Thursday, May 29 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Hotel Fort Des Moines (10th and Walnut, Des Moines). This meeting cover various issues of concern to all Project Leads including: reporting requirements, project monitoring, project integration, and budgeting. All Project Leads will receive a formal letter of invitation from Jim Youngblood within the next few days.

#### **Invitations to Iowa State Department Heads for May 20-21**

IowaAccess is dedicated to the involvement of all state departments in this effort to ensure a truly intergovernmental technology system. For this reason, all Iowa state department heads have received a personal invitation to the IowaAccess Orientation Session from Governor Branstad.